[2nd November 1931

Collection of consultation fees by doctors working in the King George's Hospital, Vizagapatam.

* 508 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the X-ray specialist attached to the King George's Hospital, Vizagapatam, is collecting higher fees from patients attending the hospital and crediting a lower sum to the Government account;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that complaints were made against him, and if so, what action was taken by the Government on the complaints;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the doctors working in the said hospital have consulting rooms at home and whether patients seeking admission into the hospital are invariably subjected to payment of consultation fees to the various doctors; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that patients admitted into the hospital are made to pay the cost of medicines and also for the diets supplied to them?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Certain allegations have been made against the Radiologist in the matter and an enquiry has been ordered into them.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) According to the rules relating to the levy of fees for medical treatment in Government Medical institutions patients whose income is Rs. 50 a month or more are charged for accommodation, medical advice, nursing and diet. Patients entitled to free medical attendance are charged for accommodation and diet only.

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—"May I know the nature of the allegations and the result of the enquiry?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I am afraid I cannot at present disclose the nature of the allegations which are under enquiry."

Public Health

Free distribution of quinine in South Kanara district.

* 509 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether free distribution of quinine has given satisfactory results in controlling malaria in Puttur and Karkal taluks in South Kanara;